

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 680 - HB 931

March 18, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates 31 additional assistant public defender positions (PDs). The positions shall be designated in judicial districts based on a report prepared by the District Public Defenders Conference (DPDC) which is to be delivered to the Speakers of the House of Representatives and Senate.

Directs the General Assembly to enact legislation during the second session of the 108<sup>th</sup> General Assembly that designates the additional positions to the appropriate judicial districts.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$2,575,200/FY13-14  
\$3,044,700/FY14-15 and Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- According to the DPDC, each PD will be hired at a starting salary of \$56,000, the amount a PD normally makes after six years with the DPDC. The new positions will result in increased expenditures of \$2,182,898  $\{[\$56,000 \text{ salary} + (\$56,000 \times 0.1503) \text{ benefits} + \$5,999.28 \text{ insurance}] \times 31\}$ .
- According to the DPDC, each PD will require \$12,700 in recurring expenditures for travel, online research, furniture/supplies, training, professional privilege tax, etc. for a total of \$393,700  $(\$12,700 \times 31)$  per year.
- The bill would result in recurring expenditures for PD positions totaling \$2,576,598  $(\$2,182,898 + \$393,700)$ .
- According to the DPDC, each PD will require \$7,700 in one-time expenditures for online research, furniture, phone, internet, and data processing equipment. The bill would result in one-time expenditures of \$238,700  $(\$7,700 \times 31)$ .
- As a result of the 31 new positions, the DPDC will require 10 new secretaries to assist the new PDs. According to the DPDC, it is assumed that all 10 secretaries will be hired at a salary of \$28,000. The new positions will result in increased expenditures of \$382,077  $\{[\$28,000 \text{ salary} + (\$28,000 \times 0.1503) \text{ benefits} + \$5,999.28 \text{ insurance}] \times 10\}$ .
- According to the DPDC, each secretary will require \$8,600 in recurring expenditures for travel, online research, furniture/supplies, phone, internet, etc. for a total of \$86,000  $(\$8,600 \times 10)$  per year.
- The bill would result in recurring expenditures for secretary positions totaling \$468,077  $(\$382,077 + \$86,000)$ .

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- According to the DPDC, each secretary will require \$5,300 in one-time expenditures for online research, furniture, training, and data processing equipment. The bill would result in one-time expenditures of \$53,000 ( $\$5,300 \times 10$ ).
- The bill would result in total one-time expenditures of \$291,700 ( $\$238,700 + \$53,000$ ) and a total increase in recurring expenditures of \$3,044,675 ( $\$2,576,598 + \$468,077$ ).
- The positions will become effective October 1, 2013. As a result, the State will incur only 3/4 of the recurring costs in FY13-14.
- The total increase in expenditures in FY13-14 will be \$2,575,206 [ $(\$291,700 \text{ total one-time expenditures} + (\$3,044,675 \text{ total recurring expenditures} \times .75))$ ], and the total increase in expenditures in FY14-15 and subsequent years will be \$3,044,675.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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